Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A pulverulent coating material ~~composed of~~ comprising

(A) leaflet-shaped particles having a ratio of laminar diameter D to layer thickness d, ~~i.e.,~~ D:d of from 100:1 to 10:1, comprising at least one leaflet-shaped effect pigment in complete or near-complete parallel orientation to the surface of the leaflet-shaped particles, and

(B) transparent, dimensionally stable, non-leaflet-shaped particles or leaflet-shaped particles having a ratio of laminar diameter D to layer thickness d, i.e., D:d of < 10:1 which are free from leaflet-shaped effect pigments.

2. (Original) The coating material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mixing ratio of (A) to (B) is from 1:1 to 1:10.

3. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the particle size of the leaflet-shaped particles (A) laminarly is from 50 to 300 μm.

4. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the leaflet-shaped particles (A) are from 50 μm thick.

5. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, wherein the leaflet-shaped effect pigments are selected from the group consisting of aluminum ~~pigments~~, gold bronzes, fire-colored bronzes, iron oxide-aluminum ~~pigments~~, pearl essence, basic lead carbonate, bismuth oxychloride, metal oxide-mica ~~pigments~~, interference pigments displaying a strong color flop, micronized titanium dioxide, leaflet-shaped graphite, leaflet-shaped iron oxide, and liquid-crystalline pigments.

6. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, characterized in that the leaflet-shaped particles (A) comprise at least one oligomeric and/or polymeric binder.

7. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in claim 6, wherein the oligomeric and polymeric binders are selected from the group consisting of

- thermoplastic, homopolymeric polyaddition resins and polycondensation resins curable physically, thermally, with actinic radiation or both thermally and with actinic radiation;

- thermoplastic resins selected from at least one of, random, alternating, ~~and/or~~ block, linear, branched, ~~and/or~~ comb, copolymeric polyaddition resins ~~and~~or polycondensation resins, curable by at least one of physically, thermally, or with actinic radiation ~~or both thermally and with actinic radiation~~;

- thermoplastic homopolymers of ethylenically unsaturated monomers, curable by at least one of physically, thermally, ~~with~~or actinic radiation ~~or both thermally and with actinic radiation~~; and

- random copolymers selected from at least one of, alternating, ~~and/or~~ block, linear, branched, ~~and~~/or comb copolymers of ethylenically unsaturated monomers, curable by at least one of physically, thermally, or with actinic radiation ~~or both thermally and with actinic radiation~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~claim 1, wherein the particles (A) further comprise at least one additive.

9. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~claim 1, wherein the particles (A) comprise at least one transparent layer which ~~can be~~is produced by a directed application process.

10. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in claim 9, wherein the transparent layer which ~~can be~~is produced by a directed application process is from 1 to 30 μm thick.

11. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in claim 9 ~~or 10~~, wherein the transparent layer which ~~can be~~ is produced by a directed application process where said layer comprises ~~or consists of~~ at least one of an oligomeric ~~and/~~or polymeric binder.

12. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 11~~claim 1, wherein the particles (B) are spherical or substantially spherical.

13. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 12~~claim 1, wherein the particles (B) are optically clear.

14. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 13~~claim 1, wherein the particles (B) are ~~curable~~cured by at least one of physically, thermally, or with actinic ~~radiation~~ radiation. ~~or both thermally and with actinic radiation.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 14~~claim 1, wherein the particles (B) have an average size of from 20 to 500 μm.

16. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a pulverulent coating material as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 15~~claim 1, which comprises

(I) dispersing at least one leaflet-shaped effect pigment in the aqueous and/or organic solution of at least one of a polymeric ~~and~~/or oligomeric binder and

(II) applying the resulting dispersion (I) to one of

(II.1) to a temporary support by means of a directed application process which generates an orientation of the effect pigments into a particular preferential direction or

(II.2) ~~to~~ a transparent layer which has been produced by a directed application process and is located on the temporary support, by means of an undirected application process which does not produce any orientation of the effect pigments into a particular preferential direction, and

(III) drying, or drying and curing, the resulting layer (II.1) or (II.2),

(IV) detaching the resulting layer (III) from the temporary support, alone or in unison with the transparent layer, in the form of leaflet-shaped pieces,

(V) comminuting and classifying the resulting leaflet-shaped pieces (IV) to give the leaflet-shaped particles (A), and

(VI) mixing the leaflet-shaped particles (A) with the particles (B).

17. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 16, wherein the directed application process is a <u>one of a</u> casting, knife coating, roller coating or extrusion coating process.

18. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 16 ~~or 17~~, wherein the undirected application process is a spray application process.

19. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 16 to 18~~ <u>claim 16</u>, wherein the dry layer thickness of the dried, or dried and cured, layers (II.1) is from 1 to 50 µm and the dry layer thickness of the dried, or dried and cured, layers (II.2) is from 1 to 49 µm.

20. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 16 to 19~~claim 16, wherein the thickness of the transparent layer produced by a directed application process and located on the temporary support is from 1 to 30 μm.

21. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 16 to 20~~claim 16, wherein the temporary support is ~~constructed of~~one of plastic, metal or glass.

22. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 16 to 21~~claim 16, wherein the layer (III) is dried and physically cured.

23. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 16 to 22~~claim 16, wherein the leaflet-shaped pieces (IV) are detached mechanically from the temporary support.

24. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims 16 to 23~~claim 16, wherein the mechanical detachment is brought about by exposure to a jet of liquid or by ultrasound.

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